

San Antonio, Texas – Today, Congressman Charlie Gonzalez celebrated the two year anniversary of the Affordable Care Act by highlighting how the bill is benefiting hundreds of thousands of people in just one district (TX-20) in San Antonio. The second anniversary of the Affordable Care Act falls on March 23.

“In the two years since the Affordable Care Act was signed into law, millions of Americans are saving money and living healthier lives. Thanks to the landmark health care reform, hundreds of thousands of people right here in San Antonio are witnessing the positive impact of this law in their daily lives. As the programs of the health care law continue to be implemented, I will fight all efforts to take these benefits away from the people of San Antonio and all across America.”

[A new analysis](#) prepared by the Minority staff of the House Energy and Commerce Committee provides estimates by congressional district of the number of people benefiting from the new law. The new analysis shows that the new health care law has already provided:

- **Protection for up to 47,000 children with pre-existing conditions in my congressional district.** The new health care law prohibits insurers from denying coverage to children for having a “pre-existing” condition, such as diabetes, asthma and genetic disorders. Because of this provision, up to 47,000 children with pre-existing conditions in my congressional district are now protected against insurer denials.

- **Protection for 360,000 individuals in my congressional district from arbitrarily being dropped from coverage if they get sick.** The new health care law prohibits insurers from arbitrarily rescinding an individual’s coverage because they become ill. Because of this provision, 360,000 individuals in my congressional district are now protected from these rescissions.

- **Elimination of the lifetime limits on their health care coverage for 140,000 individuals in my congressional district.** The new health care law prohibits insurers from placing a lifetime limit on coverage. It is estimated that 140,000 individuals in my congressional district had lifetime limits on their coverage before health reform, and now no longer do. In the past, in some cases, lifetime limits on coverage have forced some families to declare personal bankruptcy.

- **Coverage for 10,100 additional young adults in my congressional district.** The new health care law requires health insurers to permit parents to retain coverage for their children until their 26th birthday. Because of this provision, 10,100 young adults in my congressional district have already gained health care coverage.

- **Lower drug costs for 4,800 seniors in my congressional district.** The new health care law provides a 50 percent discount for brand-name drugs for seniors in the Medicare Part D 'donut hole' coverage gap. Because of this provision, 4,800 seniors in my congressional district have already received prescription drug discounts worth \$3 million, an average discount of \$620 per senior.

- **Free key preventive services for 66,000 seniors in my congressional district.** The new health care law provides free Medicare coverage of key preventive services, such as mammograms, colonoscopies, and annual wellness visits. Because of this provision, 66,000 seniors in my congressional district have already received free preventive services, lowering their health care costs.

- **Free key preventive services for 117,000 individuals under age 65 in my congressional district.** The new health care law also provides, for those enrolled in new private plans, free coverage of key preventive services. Because of this provision, 117,000 individuals under age 65 in my congressional district have already received free preventive services, such as mammograms and check-ups.

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